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FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8816

INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ECON, EFIN, LA

SUBJECT: WEEKLY ECONOMIC SITUATION REPORT

REFERENCE: VIENTIANE 3322

1. SLIGHT INCREASE IN THAI RICE PRICES AND OF SOME  
LOCALLY PRODUCED ITEMS, INCLUDING COTTON SARONGS,  
RAISED USAID COST-OF-LIVING INDEX BY 1.4 PERCENT  
DURING PAST WEEK. FOREIGN EXCHANGE SALES FOR THE  
WEEK WERE HEAVY (\$1.2 MILLION), POSSIBLY REFLECTING  
SOME CATCHING UP FROM LOW LEVEL OF DEMAND OF THE  
PRECEDING WEEK. POL PRODUCTS ACCOUNTED FOR  
\$257,000 OF TOTAL SALES. NEVERTHELESS AVERAGE  
WEEKLY FOREX SALES SO FAR IN CY 1974 (831,000) ARE  
STILL BELOW 1973 WEEKLY AVERAGE (\$882,000).

2. FEOF AGREEMENTS FOR CY 1974 WERE SIGNED ON  
APRIL 30 BY PGNU FOREIGN MINISTER PHOUMI VONGVICHIT  
AND THE AMBASSADORS OF THE DONOR COUNTRIES,  
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AFTER CABINET ON APRIL 23 HAD APPROVED BUDGET

PREPARED BY PREVIOUS MINFIN AND SET DATE OF  
SIGNATURE. PLEDGED CONTRIBUTIONS (INCLUDING LAO  
CONTRIBUTION) AMOUNT IN DOLLARS TO APPROXIMATELY  
\$27.7 MILLION, \$1.3 MILLION HIGHER THAN CONTRIBUTIONS  
FOR CY 1973.

3. NATIONAL RICE OFFICE, THROUGH ADO, HAS BEGUN TO  
PURCHASE PADDY IN A PROGRAM DESIGNED TO STABILIZE URBAN  
RICE PRICES. AN INITIAL AMOUNT OF KIP 200 MILLION  
HAS BEEN INCLUDED IN FY 1974 BUDGET FOR THIS  
PURPOSE. SO FAR ABOUT 45 METRIC TONS HAVE BEEN  
PURCHASED FROM LAO FARMERS.

4. DECONTROL FOLLOWING 5/1/75.  
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